

HELD BIG CONVENTION

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TO FIGHT FREIGHT RATES.

Wichita, Jan. 12. — In this city as a result of the big freight rate convention held at the Auditorium there can remain no doubt that the business men and farmers of Kansas are determined to take hold of the railroad question and carry it through until they have secured their demands for equitable freight rates and laws that will give the state and national commissions more power in dealing with the railroad corporations.

The meeting was a success from every standpoint. The attendance in the afternoon was considerably larger than that in the morning, as many of the delegates could not get in until the arrival of the noon trains. The business men and farmers, who came from all parts of the state to attend the convention, expressed themselves as satisfied with the work, and also expressed their determination to carry on the movement until the fight is finally won.

As a result of the meeting a permanent state organization was formed, an executive committee consisting of two representatives from each congressional district selected, and strong resolutions unanimously passed.

The features of the convention were the addresses of Gov. Van Zant of Minnesota and Speaker L. L. Penroot, of Wisconsin. The latter especially carried the house by storm. Even if the railroads had succeeded in packing the convention it would have been useless after such a speech as the right-hand man of Senator La Follette delivered.

The plan of the permanent organization on which the state association to be known as the Kansas Civic League, is formed, was outlined in the report of J. S. George, which was adopted by the convention and is as follows:

"A permanent organization to be made by this convention to continue and carry into effect the objects of the convention as set forth by the resolution.

"A state executive committee to be composed of two members from each congressional district, and five at large. Those from each congressional district to be selected by the delegates to this convention from such districts and the five at large to be chosen by those selected and thus elected at a meeting to be held immediately after the adjournment of the convention. This executive committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees to carry out this plan of organization.

"County organizations to be formed under the direction of the state executive committee, organizers for each county represented here to be selected by the delegates from said county and for counties not represented here to be appointed by the executive committee.

"Township and ward organizations to be formed in each county on the same plan.

"The state executive committee shall hold until its successors are elected at a state convention to be called by the executive committee not later than in March, 1907.

"In order to carry out the work of this association, money will be required and it is recommended that a membership fee of 50 cents be charged, 15 cents of which is to go to the state executive committee.

"Each delegate to this convention on his return home shall immediately join with the county organizer in organizing his county.

"All associations of farmers, merchants, shippers and laborers approving the objects of this association are invited and urged to co-operate in carrying these principles into effect."

Constables for Indian Service.

Washington, Jan. 17.—The United States Civil Service Commission announces an examination on Jan. 31, at Ardmore, Muskogee and South McAlester, I. T., and Enid, Guthrie and Oklahoma, Okla., to secure eligibles from which to make certifications to fill two vacancies in the position of constable, at \$720 per annum each, at the Osage Agency, Okla., and similar vacancies as they may occur in the Indian service.

Jet is Moving.—The town of Jet, in Woods county, has been on wheels the past week, and has moved to a new site on the Denver, Enid & Gulf railroad, two miles west of the old one. When the railroad was surveyed through Woods county the people of Jet agreed to move to it as soon as the road was in operation.

Odd Fellows' New Temple.—At Elk City work has started on the new Odd Fellows' temple. The building will be 50x100 feet two stories high, 2

HAVE FIFTY SIGNED PLEDGES.

"Insurgents" Have The Statehood Bill Tied Up.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Republican members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce at a conference which lasted three hours agreed to support the Hepburn railroad rate bill with a few modifications, which were agreed on and which relate chiefly to court procedure. These modifications were taken from the provisions of the Esch-Townsend bill and are in the nature of a compromise with the supporters of that measure. The committee will report the bill to the house next Friday. Representative Townsend, of Michigan, author of the Townsend bill, which was consolidated with the Esch bill and passed at the last session, it is announced, will make the opening speech in the house in favor of the Hepburn bill. It is planned to bring in a rule on the Hepburn bill when it is considered in the house so as to prevent amendments except on the first day of the debate. The Democrats, however, are to be permitted to offer a substitute on which they can go on record. This course, it is pointed out, is the same as was followed with the Esch-Townsend bill, when the Democrats submitted the Davey bill.

The Republican members of the committee expressed the opinion today that the debate in the house will continue probably not over a week.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Speaker Cannon's efforts to win the insurgents over to the Hamilton joint statehood bill have met with little success apparently and the joint statehood proposition is still shrouded in uncertainty. The insurgent's claim they have more than fifty-eight votes, the number which, coupled with the solid Democratic vote will force a consideration of amendments to the Hamilton bill. Two or three representations are reported to have been over to the administration measure through Speaker Cannon, but the weakening in the opposition is so slight that until further changes are brought about the Hamilton bill will not be taken before the house. All sorts of compromises have been suggested by the insurgents, but have met with no favor at the hands of supporters of joint statehood. The latest compromise offered by the insurgents was the insertion of the single word, "Each."

Republican insurgents held a statehood caucus which was attended by about 25 representatives. A poll of the house on the joint statehood proposition by the insurgents was reported at the caucus to have shown slightly less than 75 representatives who will vote against a proposed rule preventing the amendment of the Hamilton joint statehood bill. The insurgents are confident they will retain enough of these votes to make it possible for them, with the Democrats, to defeat the proposed rule.

INSPECTION URGENT

Congress Called on for \$135,000 For Meat Inspection.

GERMANY CLAMORS FOR MEAT.

Secretary Wilson Urges Congress to Act Promptly — Says Packers Should Pay Expense, Which Is Not Possible Under Present Law.

Washington, Jan. 13.—"Unless congress speedily grants the emergency appropriation of \$135,000 requested by me for additional inspectors and microscopists it is probable that over \$50,000,000 worth of orders for American pork and beef products placed by German dealers will go unfilled."

This statement was made by Secretary Wilson. Anticipating the high rates of duty on products emanating from the United States imposed by the new German tariff, which becomes effective March 1 next, and Germany at the present time being in urgent need of meat supplies, Secretary Wilson said that German dealers have flooded the packing houses of this country with orders.

In speaking of this condition of affairs he referred to recent strictures upon his action in creating what was stated to be a deficiency of \$135,000, the amount asked by him, in alleged violation of the statute on this subject enacted during the last congress. "These statements," he said, "do me a grave injustice and do not credit me with trying to relieve our packers from the desperation in which they have been placed by reason of the lack of a proper inspecting force." He declared that he had created no deficiency, but that, on the contrary, he was asking only for an emergency appropriation to meet the conditions which an enormously increased business of the last few months with no increase in the inspection force had created.

"I am strongly in favor of having the packers pay all the expenses of inspections," continued the secretary, "such inspections to be under governmental supervision of course. In fact, they voluntarily have expressed a willingness to do this and in the present instance have offered to do it, but there is no law by which such an arrangement can be made."

REAR ADMIRAL COGHLAN SAYS OUR NAVY IS WEAK

New York, Jan. 16.—Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan delivered a speech to the Patria society at the Hotel Savoy in which he declared that the navy of the United States was far below the strength that the public believed it was and that instead of having forty fighting ships there were really only eighteen ships of the fighting class, and of these two were now out of order, so that America's real navy consists of sixteen ships. He compared the American navy with that of England and showed that America is so far inferior to that nation that it is almost useless to hope that we will ever catch up to our British cousins.

SEVEN STILL ENTOMED IN BURNING TAMARACK MINE

Calumet, Mich., Jan. 16. — Heroic efforts have failed to release the seven men imprisoned under the ground in the burning portion of the Tamarack mine. Several members of the rescuing party sent in were overcome by gases and they were rescued with much difficulty.

An Austrian named Simonovitch, a brother of one of the men imprisoned under ground, made a brave struggle to penetrate the burning mine. He wrapped clothes about his head, but the gases were so powerful that he was overcome and carried to the surface in a critical condition. There is

CONGRESS NOT SATISFIED: WANTS THE CANAL BACK

Washington, Jan. 13.—Congress intends to interest itself in the type of canal to be built on the Isthmus of Panama and that will be the first business to be considered by the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals which met and formulated its program as far as possible for the investigation ordered by the senate. It was announced that President Roosevelt had agreed to send to the committee an advance copy of the final report of the board of consulting engineers, recommending the type of canal that may be constructed most feasibly. This report is wanted for use in examining Chief Engineer John F. Stevens, who will ap-

RUSSIAN REVENUES SHORT BECAUSE OF REVOLUTION

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—The budget statement for 1906, which was issued, shows that it will be necessary to raise \$240,000,000 by credit operations to balance the estimated receipts and expenditures. The latter include \$202,500,000 for the liquidation of the expenses of the Russo-Japanese war, the repatriation of the troops in the far east and the reduction of the army to a peace footing. For the first time the total cost of the war, \$1,050,000,000, is revealed.

The credit operations to balance the budget include the recent authorization of \$200,000,000 in treasury bonds, \$75,000,000 of which have already been used to renew the Mendelssohn loan, and the credit of \$100,000,000 which former Finance Minister Kokovsov is now negotiating in Paris. The primary object of the latter, the proceeds of which will be retained in Paris, is understood by the Associated Press to be the maintenance of the stability of the rouble.

The budget statement does not dodge the prevailing conditions in Russia. It is pointed out specifically that the receipts from nearly all sources have been scaled down, and moreover it is stated that if the disorders in the interior do not cease

Congressional Notes

Washington, Jan. 15.—Interest was injected into the Philippine tariff debate in the house of representatives by a "Massachusetts Idea" tariff expression by Mr. McCall, of that state; by a character study of the Filipino by Mr. Longworth, of Ohio, and by a defense of President Roosevelt by Mr. Poy, a Democrat from North Carolina. Besides these there were a number of speeches delivered on the merits of the bill, nearly all of which were in opposition to the measure. During the day an agreement was reached whereby the debate is to continue for two days more. The house is to meet Monday and to close general debate at 5 o'clock. The measure will be taken up for amendment under the five-minute rule Tuesday and doubtless disposed of on that day.

Mr. Brooks, of Colorado, declared the beet sugar industry the essential factor in the success of the vast irrigation projects of the west, and that its death knell was sounded in the passage of the pending measure.

Mr. Lamar, of Florida, said the bill was in the interest of the "tobacco trust," and meant the breaking down of the Chinese exclusion act, so far as cigar manufacture is concerned.

LATE MARKET REPORT.

Kansas City.
NATURAL STEERS.....\$4.07 @ \$5.00
HOGS.....3.50 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard.....82 @ 84
No. 3 Hard.....80 @ 82
CORN No. 3 Mixed.....43 @ 45
OATS—No. 2.....11.01 @ 11.51
PRIME BUTTER.....8.75 @ 9.01
EGGS.....19 1/2 @ 20

Chicago Live Stock.
GOOD PRIME STEERS.....\$5.35 @ 6.25
STOCKERS & FEEDERS.....2.40 @ 4.53
HOGS.....5.25 @ 5.31

Chicago Cash Grain.
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard.....84 1/2 @ 85 1/2
No. 3 Hard.....84 1/2 @ 85 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....43 1/2 @ 44 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....11.01 @ 11.51

St. Louis Live Stock.
PRIME STEERS.....\$3.00 @ 3.85
COWS & HEIFERS.....2.00 @ 3.20
TEXAS STEERS.....2.75 @ 4.20

Chicago Futures.
WHEAT—Open High Low T'dy C'dy
May.....84 1/2 85 1/2 84 1/2 85 1/2
July.....85 1/2 86 1/2 85 1/2 86 1/2
CORN—Open High Low T'dy C'dy
May.....43 1/2 44 1/2 43 1/2 44 1/2
July.....44 1/2 45 1/2 44 1/2 45 1/2
OATS—Open High Low T'dy C'dy
May.....11.01 11.51 11.01 11.51
July.....11.51 12.01 11.51 12.01

Wichita Live Stock.
HOGS.....\$3.05 @ \$3.17 1/2
COWS.....2.80 @ 3.25
STOCKERS.....2.40 @ 3.40
HOGS.....5.25 @ 5.35
STEERS.....3.00 @ 3.85
CALVES.....3.75 @ 4.00

LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Harry Nally met instant death at Webb City, Mo., by falling down the Mercantile Mining Company's shaft, a distance of about 150 feet.

A Kansas state baseball league was formed in Chicago and Ed Bero, Jr., of Parsons, Kan., was elected president of the new organization.

An elaborate and comprehensive answer to the charges against the Isthmian Canal Commission contained in an article in the Independent has been made by Secretary Taft.

Congressman Joseph C. Sibley in an open letter to his constituents, dated Washington, January 10, says all his political ambitions are gratified and he will never again ask for a political office.

The general assembly of the members of the British Royal Academy has elected Augustus Saint Gaudens, the American sculptor, and Josef Israels, the Dutch painter, honorary foreign members of the academy.

While no official statement could be obtained from the physicians it was rumored that a grave change had taken place in the condition of Marshall Field of Chicago, who is ill at the Holland house in New York.

At council bluff, Ia., Pat Crowe was indicted by the Pottawatomie county grand jury for alleged complicity in a street car hold up January 12, 1903, when about \$60 was secured from two conductors and a motorman.

The attempt to fire the big zinc smelter at Canon City, Colo., a two million dollar plant, makes the fifteenth attempt at incendiarism in Canon City in the past two weeks and convinces the citizens that an organized gang of firebugs is trying to burn the town.

Arthur H. Soden and William H. Conant, owners and directors of the Boston team of the National baseball club, refused an offer of \$250,000 for the grounds club and franchise, made by M. J. Reagan, who is well known in local baseball circles. The owners want \$275,000.

Severe weather has so delayed construction of the Northwestern railway extension across Wyoming toward the Echesone reservation that the road may not be completed when the reservation is opened in June. As there are no railroads near the reservation a movement is on foot to postpone the opening until later in the season, when both the Burlington and Northwestern extensions may reach the borders of the reservation at Lander and Thermopolis.

Senator Long saw the president and laid before him William T. Vernon's answer to charges filed against the latter for appointment as register of the treasury. Senator Long expects a complete vindication of Vernon. He will see the president again within a few days at which time it will probably be decided as to whether Vernon will or will not be appointed.

John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, has endowed the chair of homiletics and pastoral theology of the Presbyterian Theological seminary of Omaha with \$50,000.

A. M. Linn, of the Iowa state board of health, giving expert testimony in the Pratt murder case at Rockwell City, testified that Josiah Pratt, for whose death Mrs. Pratt is on trial, was due to the effects of arsenical poisoning, the poison having been administered prior to the man's death. Druggist Mickles, from Yetter, has already testified that Mrs. Pratt purchased arsenic prior to her husband's death, and also that he sold Persing, the hired man, several sheets of fly paper.

The ceremonies of opening Tainanfu, capital of the province of Shang Tung, to foreign trade were attended by many Chinese and foreign officials. The invited American guests present included consular officials and representatives of prominent mercantile companies.

Dr. William Rainey Harper, president of the University of Chicago since its inception, one of the foremost educators and one of the most learned Hebrew scholars of his time, died of cancer of the intestines.

AN EVERY-DAY STRUGGLE.

Too Many Women Carry the Heavy Load of Kidney Sicknes.

Mrs. E. W. Wright of 172 Main street, Haverhill, Mass., says: "In 1898 I was suffering so with sharp pains in the small of the back and had such frequent dizzy spells that I could scarcely get about the house. The urinary passages were also quite irregular.

Monthly periods were so distressing I dreaded their approach. This was my condition for four years. Doan's Kidney Pills helped me right away when I began with them and three boxes cured me permanently."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

A man may be able to take care of himself, but he isn't apt to realize it until he acquires a wife.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Drug-
gists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W.
GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

It's the limited express for the man who stutters.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 13 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

Many a woman neglects her children to attend a mother's meeting.

FOUR YEARS OF AGONY.

Whole Foot Nothing But Proud Flesh
—Had to Use Crutches—"Cuticura
Remedies the Best on Earth."

"In the year 1899 the side of my right foot was cut off from the little toe down to the heel, and the physician who had charge of me was trying to sew up the side of my foot, but with no success. At last my whole foot and way up above my calf was nothing but proud flesh, I suffered untold agonies for four years, and tried different physicians and all kinds of ointments. I could walk only with crutches. In two weeks afterwards I saw a change in my limb. Then I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment often during the day, and kept it up for seven months, when my limb was healed up just the same as if I never had trouble. It is eight months now since I stopped using Cuticura Remedies, the best on God's earth. I am working at the present day after five years of suffering. The cost of Cuticura Ointment and Soap was only \$6, but the doctors' bills were more like \$600. John M. Lloyd, 718 S. Arch Ave., Alliance, Ohio, June 27, 1905."

His Strong Argument.

A few years ago George F. Haley, of Biddeford, was trying his first criminal case before the supreme judicial court of Maine, with Chief Justice John A. Peters on the bench. Mr. Haley was in the middle of his plea when a man in the audience fell over in a convulsion. The young lawyer stopped disconcerted. "Go on, sir, go on," said the chief justice; "you're giving them fits!"

GOT HIS MONEY'S WORTH.

Millionaire Wanted Credit for Every Dollar Spent on Dinner.

Edward Everett Hale was one of the guests at a millionaire's dinner. The millionaire was a free spender, but he wanted full credit for every dollar put out. And as the dinner progressed he told his guests what the more expensive dishes had cost. "This terrapin," he would say, "was shipped direct from Baltimore. A Baltimore cook came on to prepare it. The dish actually cost a dollar a teaspoonful." So he talked of the other courses. He dwelt especially on the expense of the large and beautiful grapes. He told, down to a penny, what he had figured it out that the grapes had cost him apiece. The guests looked annoyed. They ate the expensive grapes charily. But Dr. Hale, smiling, extended his plate and said: "Would you mind cutting me off about \$1.87 worth more, please?"

UNCONSCIOUS POISONING.

How It Often Happens From Coffee.

"I had no idea," writes a Duluth man, "that it was the coffee I had been drinking all my life, that was responsible for the headaches which were growing upon me, for the dyspepsia that no medicines would relieve, and for the acute nervousness which unfitted me not only for work but also for the most ordinary social functions. "But at last the truth dawned upon me. I forthwith bade the harmful beverage a prompt farewell, ordered in some Postum and began to use it. The good effects of the new food drink were apparent within a very few days. My headaches grew less frequent, and decreased in violence, my stomach grew strong and able to digest my food without distress of any kind, my nervousness has gone and I am able to enjoy life with my neighbors and sleep soundly o' nights. My physical strength and nerve power have increased so much that I can do double the work I used to do, and feel no undue fatigue afterwards."

"This improvement set in just as soon as the old coffee poison had so worked out of my system as to allow the food elements in the Postum to get a hold to build me up again. I cheerfully testify that it was Postum and Postum alone that did all this for when I began to drink it I threw physic to the dogs." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the famous little book "The Road to Wellville" in 100 pages.